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/ Photo by Ken Bendiktsen

■ CELEBRATE 40 New databases provide year-by-year history of U of C

Funding from Special Projects Committee instrumental

By Alex Frazer-Harrison

Three databases are up and running—as part of an extensive series of web exhibits showcasing the century-long history of the University of Calgary—with one more database and a web exhibit scheduled to go live in December.

Created by the University Archives, these online resources are intended to give researchers, students, faculty and the community easy access to a year-by-year account of the U of C's history.

The first of these databases to go online—40 Years of Autonomy—covers the period 1966 to 2006, explains Lisa Atkinson, archival program manager.

“For each year, we’ve created a full-text-searchable document, giving details about what happened on campus in each of the 40 years of the university’s history since it became autonomous in 1966,” she says. “Who were the main decision-makers and administrators, who received an honorary degree, student enrolment numbers, how much students paid in fees, what new programs or buildings opened, and other relevant information. We also wanted to put the university’s history into its broader context, so we list Canadian and world events for each year as well.”

A companion database and web exhibit—The Road to Autonomy—will cover the extensive pre-history of the U of C from the establishment of the Alberta Normal School in Calgary in 1905, through its years as a satellite campus of the University of Alberta beginning in 1945, until the University of Calgary was established as an autonomous university in 1966. These two resources will go online in December.

“It seems funny to ignore the early period of the university, because it isn’t like it just landed on this site from on high in 1966,” says Atkinson. “There was a lot of history that went before it, and this exhibit looks at the events of the years between 1905 to 1966. We have digitized more than 2,500 pages of archival documents for the database going back to 1906.”

Researchers will be able to access Calgary Normal School yearbooks and photographs from early in the 20th century, as well as records created by the first University of Calgary, which was established in 1912, and records relating to Calgary’s determined efforts to have a university established in this city.

Both databases will allow visitors to search information by year and subject, and will feature hundreds of vintage photographs and text documents. “Today’s students will get quite a shock at how the campus looked in its early years—there was quite a different culture back then as well, with fancy dress balls and a campus queen chosen each year,” says Atkinson.

40 Years of Autonomy and The Road to Autonomy were funded by the university’s Special Projects Fund Committee as part of 40th anniversary celebrations.

In addition, thanks to a federal Young Canada Works grant, the archives has launched two other online databases, profiling the many recipients of University of Calgary honorary degrees and of the Order of the University of Calgary.

“Each entry features a picture of the individual after they got their degree and the copy of the citation read at the convocation ceremony,” says Atkinson.

The databases can be viewed at www.ucalgary.ca/archives/Holdings.htm.



Lisa Atkinson says new databases put U of C's history into the broad context of Canadian and world events. / Photo by Ken Bendiktsen

STUDENT WINS WINTER COURSE



Richard Mountain, a fourth-year kinesiology student, was one of two lucky students to receive a complimentary winter semester course as thanks for completing the second annual student survey. / Photo by Ken Bendiktsen

■ TO THE POINT

Student's poster wins first

A poster by social work PhD student Pam Cameron has won first place at the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference in Ottawa. This was an open competition, not limited to students. Cameron's poster—Beyond rural professional recruitment: Preliminary results for two rural communities that have successfully retained family physicians—builds on research she is conducting for her thesis, which explores community-based physician retention within four rural Alberta communities.

Medical students honoured

Christopher Gregg of the Department of Neuroscience is the winner of the Chancellor's Graduate Medal at the doctoral level, which recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement. The Department of Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences' Dawei Jiang has won the U of C 40th Anniversary Senate Graduate Award at the doctoral

level. And Dr. Pablo Serra Devecchi, of the Department of Medical Science, is the winner of the Governor General's Gold Medal at the doctoral level.

Cardiologist to head national committee

The federal government has named respected cardiologist, Dr. Eldon Smith, chair of the new Pan-Canadian Heart Health Strategy, formed to provide a comprehensive and integrated framework for cardiovascular health and disease. Smith, a former dean of medicine at U of C, became pro-

fessor emeritus in 2003. Faculty member Dr. Norman Campbell was also named as a member of the new committee.

Assistant dean appointed

Dr. Lara Cooke has been appointed assistant dean of faculty development, medical education in the Faculty of Medicine. Cooke specializes in teaching communication skills, and in addition to her clinical duties in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences, she is also completing a master's degree in medical education.

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L-R: Nursing students Amara Taylor (4th year), Tiffany Fabro (4th year) and Laura Cuff (alumna), locate Qatar on a map of the Middle East. / Photo by Ken Bendiktsen

EDUCATION without borders

In the largest overseas program developed by a Canadian university, the University of Calgary will bring state-of-the-art nursing education to the State of Qatar in the Arabian Peninsula.

Beginning in August 2007, a branch campus called University of Calgary-Qatar, will be created in Qatar's capital city of Doha. The program is projected to grow to 100 students a year for the baccalaureate degree in nursing. Other programs, such as master's and doctoral degrees in nursing, as well as specialty nursing programs, will be phased in during the term of the 10-year, renewable agreement.

"The University of Calgary is excited to be playing a lead role in delivering world-class health care in Qatar," said U of C President Dr. Harvey Weingarten. "It's an opportunity to broaden our international exposure while assisting the Qatari government in its efforts to redefine health care in Qatar and the Gulf region."

Added Weingarten: "Calgary students and professors will also have an unprecedented opportunity to gain international experience teaching and learning overseas. They will bring new skills and insights to their health-care practices when they return to Canada."

Qatar currently provides certain education and training programs in nursing, but its government is committed to offering education and research programs that meet international quality standards. Part of that commitment includes creating a new nursing education and research facil-

U of C extends global reach with nursing campus in Qatar

ity that features the latest in academic programs and medical technology.

Top medical, nursing and health sciences schools created in Qatar will together form an important platform for producing the human resources needed throughout the Gulf region to provide high-quality patient care and relevant medical research.

"The development of competitive human resources has been a high priority on the national agenda to meet the needs of the fast growing socioeconomic developments occurring in our country" said Sheikh Abdulrahman Bin Saud Al Thani, chief the Amiri Diwan in the State of Qatar.

"The Qatari leadership has committed to offer the young generations from Qatar and the region high-quality educational opportunities, through partnerships with diverse elite institutions from around the world. We welcome the University of Calgary as our latest international partner in the Education Lighthouse created in the State of Qatar."

The health-care system in Qatar is growing very quickly and is becoming increasingly sophisticated.

"There is a growing need in Qatar for professional nurses who can function in important roles and at various levels in the promotion of health, community practice, education, leadership and research," said Dr. Latifa Al-Houty, chair of the board of direc-

tors of Hamad Medical Corporation.

"Qatar is thriving for excellence in both education and health. In this context, excellence in nursing education becomes a necessity."

It is estimated that during the first five years of the program, more than 120 staff and faculty will be required, including professors, management staff and support staff. Qatar locals will comprise about a quarter of the workforce.

Some of the areas that have been deemed priorities are acute care specialties, community and home nursing, midwifery, nurse education, primary care, psychiatric and mental health nursing, and renal nursing.

"The U of C's nursing education program blends the best of clinical practice, learner-centred programming and research," said Faculty of Nursing Dean Dr. Michael Clinton. "With this program, we assume a pre-eminent leadership role in international nursing education."

Several leading North American universities already have branch campuses in Qatar, including Weill Cornell Medical College, Texas A & M University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgetown University and Virginia Commonwealth University. Newfoundland's College of the North Atlantic, established a branch campus in Qatar more than four years ago.

Graduates from the Qatar program will meet the same Canadian and international standards for nursing as students at the Calgary campus. Prospective students will need to meet all U of C entrance standards in mathematics, chemistry and biology.

A chance to be heard

Homeless project gives voice to schizophrenics

By Jennifer Myers

A group of Calgarians living with schizophrenia are speaking out about the city's homeless crisis in a series of public presentations and a documentary film.

Led by Dr. Barbara Schneider, a professor with the Faculty of Communication and Culture, the group participated as co-researchers in a University of Calgary project examining homelessness in Calgary.

"This project is important because people with schizophrenia are often regarded as incompetent and, as a result, they are silenced," says Schneider.

The group of eight co-researchers surveyed 30 of their peers—as well as each other—about their housing circumstances, homelessness and their experiences with the medical system.

Michele Misurelli, a research team member and coordinator of the Unsung Heroes program with the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta, says that housing is a critical issue for people with schizophrenia.

"I've moved 30 times since 1981," she says. "Most of the people interviewed had experienced some form of housing instability since being diagnosed."

Schizophrenics are not out on the streets because they choose to be, but because they don't have another choice, says Laurie Arney, another co-researcher.

"They may even become fearful of supports like their families or the medical system. So, dealing with their illness and becoming stable is important before housing can be

maintained."

Researchers found that many respondents had a fear of becoming healthy, since if they are considered to be high functioning, they would lose access to affordable or specialized housing support. Respondents also associated stable housing with having the power to become independent from the medical system—a system they view as overly controlling.

As a result of their research, the team developed a set of recommendations for service providers and legislators. Among these is the need to create a central agency to: provide information on housing options for people with mental illnesses; act as a mediator on housing disputes; and provide education for landlords, housing providers and family members.

The group also advocates for expanding access to permanent, affordable housing by giving tax incentives to builders and landlords. A full list of the recommendations can be viewed at <http://callhome.ucalgary.ca>.

As part of the research project, the team created a documentary film, which highlights the issues around care and control for people with schizophrenia.

"The biggest benefit of participating in this project is the chance to have our voices heard," says Arney. "I'd like city officials to think long-term about the homeless situation and not just about shelters. We need housing where the rules are tolerant of people with schizophrenia and where we can be safe and focus on being well."

The documentary—Hearing Our Voices: A Participatory Research Project on Schizophrenia and Homelessness—will be shown on Dec. 8 at 12:15 p.m. in the Professional Faculties Building, room 14.



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IN BRIEF

Oval funding a re-investment in future

The recent announcement that the provincial government will reinvest \$69 million in Alberta's Olympic legacy facilities is being hailed by the University of Calgary as good news for Albertans, and great news for Canada.

"We believe we have been excellent stewards of this facility for the province and for the city of Calgary," says the dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology, Dr. Wayne Giles. "We are proud of what the Oval has accomplished and we thank the province for its re-investment in the legacy facilities."

Athletes who train at the Oval were responsible for 41 percent of all medals won in the Torino Games. Besides high performance sport, the Olympic Oval is also a heavily used recreation facility and a popular tourist destination.

International Centre wins award

The University of Calgary's International Centre has won a special recognition award for long-term commitment to international cooperation at the 14th annual Canadian Awards for International Cooperation.

Canada's largest trade and industry association—Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters—sponsor the annual awards to recognize exceptional work by Canadian organizations and businesses in both developing countries and countries in transition.

"We are particularly pleased about this recognition because it is a validation of the importance of internationalization on our campuses," said Dr. Cen Huang, executive director of the International Centre.



Christina Rontynen jumps for joy in the new student lounge in Communication and Culture. Rontynen did everything from lobbying the SU for funds to picking out the pictures on the walls to refurbish the formerly drab space. / Photo by Ken Bendiksen

A place to call their own

C&C students gather in new lounge

By Jennifer Myers

Faculty of Communication and Culture students now have a bright and comfy space to call their own.

A newly refurbished student lounge, complete with a coat of yellow

paint, new furniture and cozy shag rugs, opened on the third floor of Social Sciences on Nov. 22.

Christina Rontynen, the faculty's student representative on the Students' Union, decided the formerly bleak space needed an extreme makeover. Her

goal was to give communication and culture students a place of their own.

"Students in other faculties have entire buildings dedicated just to them," says Rontynen. "Before this, communication and culture students had no similar collective space to gather in. The new student lounge will help to give them a sense

of physical identity."

The Students' Union campus improvement fund provided \$15,000 for initial improvements to the lounge and its future maintenance. As a part of the funding agreement, Rontynen and Dr. Kathleen Scherf, dean of the Faculty of Communication and Culture, have committed to offer regular program-

ming in the lounge that enhances the experience of students.

"We already have plans to use the space to profile the faculty's programs, offer a speaker series featuring undergraduate student research and give workshops on student issues like registration, job search tips and exam anxiety," says Scherf.

Social Work lounge a sign of respect

By Laurie Drukier

As the 23rd Take Your Place space to open on campus, the Faculty of Social Work's student lounge boasts many of the features that have made this 40th anniversary project so successful.

Student designers from EVDS have created a bright, open space in warm, earthy colours, with a variety of seating to allow for many sizes of gatherings. The area will be a focal point for engaging the faculty's educational and professional community on campus.

But this space means more, says Dr. Gayla Rogers, dean of the Faculty of Social Work. Its creation makes a statement about the deep commitment to the faculty and its work from the U of C and the space's donors—Margaret and Ted Newall.

"We're thrilled to be included in Take Your Place," Rogers says. "It's a great indication for us that our faculty and our professional work is supported and valued by the university, and by the community."

Located on the fourth floor of the Professional Faculties Building, the student lounge is part of Take Your Place, the university's 40th anniversary project to renovate, refurbish and refresh 40 spaces on campus for meeting, studying or just hanging out. It opened Nov. 20.

EVDS designers met with students in the faculty to hear more about their needs for the space. "It was great to be included in the process," says Rebecca Ataya, a second-year master's student and co-chair of the student society. "The designers came up with something amazing that really addressed the way we work, our events and uses; it's beautiful and works for all of our needs."

The renovation was supported by a generous donation from the Newalls, long-time friends of the university. The couple has worked tirelessly throughout their personal and professional lives to help increase access to education for students. Ted Newall is a former chair of the U of C Board of Governors.



L-R, Master's student Rebecca Ataya at the opening of the new Social Work lounge with donors Ted and Margaret Newall, Dean Gayla Rogers and designer Tyler Lowenhardt.

/ Photo by Stuart Gradon

Extra costs of "building green" balanced by savings

By Laurie Drukier

Building to the highest environmental standards costs more up front, but pays off over time, say University of Calgary experts.

At a panel discussion recently, a team from U of C and its building partners explained why the university has made LEED® Platinum the goal for all new university buildings.

The first campus building to be constructed to Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED®) Platinum standards is the Child Development Centre (CDC).

Considerations necessary to earn this rating may have added six to seven percent to the building's budget, but initial benefits include lower environmental impact and less waste during the building process.

The bigger payback, however, will be seen over the long term with a 55 percent energy savings and a 56 percent reduction in water use.

University of Calgary architect Jane Pendergast says sustainable building is the right thing to do. "It may appear to cost more to install a system to reuse stormwater, for example," she says. "But when you realize the thousands of litres of water we'll save per year, we're not just saving money over the life of the building, we're also conserving a precious, limited resource."

The university is creating space for 7,000 more students by 2010 by building a number of new facilities, all of which will be designed to achieve the highest certification standard for green building in Canada.

The CDC's budget of \$23 million includes a premium for specialized sustainable features such as water reuse systems and extensive metering to verify building performance. It will also have the largest photovoltaic array connected to the grid in Canada, using sunlight to generate some of the building's electricity.

Jim Sawers, the U of C's infrastructure engineer and an accredited LEED® professional, says the university will be able to model a new way of operating the building.

"Once building occupants and visitors feel the difference in air quality, for instance, we're sure they'll see the benefit of building this way," he says. "And air quality can have a direct impact on productivity."

Other features will include occupancy sensors to turn off lights and reduce ventilation in empty rooms, as well as sensors that will dim the lights when daylight is available. Regional materials are used whenever possible.

Nominations launched for 2007 Arch Awards

By Matthew Fox

University of Calgary graduates are changing the world—from international peacekeeping to space exploration to expanding the frontiers of medicine.

With 120,000 graduates making remarkable contributions to the business, health, social and cultural life of Calgary and in 128 other countries around the world, the Arch Awards—the University's premier award program honouring alumni—has the difficult task of recognizing the achievements of just two outstanding alumni each year.

"The Arch Awards honour the best and brightest U of C graduates, those who are at the leading edge of their respective industries or fields of expertise," says Dean Brawn, BA'89, past president of the Alumni Association, and the executive member who presides over the Arch Awards. "The winners help position the U of C as a leading university, and they generate a tremendous amount of pride within our alumni family."

The Distinguished Alumni Award has been granted since 1985 to remarkable alumni who have achieved outstanding success in their careers or communities, including astronaut Robert Thirsk, JAVA architect James Gosling and composer Kelly-Marie Murphy. In 2006, Dr. Mary-Wynne Ashford, MD'81, a former teacher, doctor and tireless advocate for nuclear disarmament, was recognized with this honour.

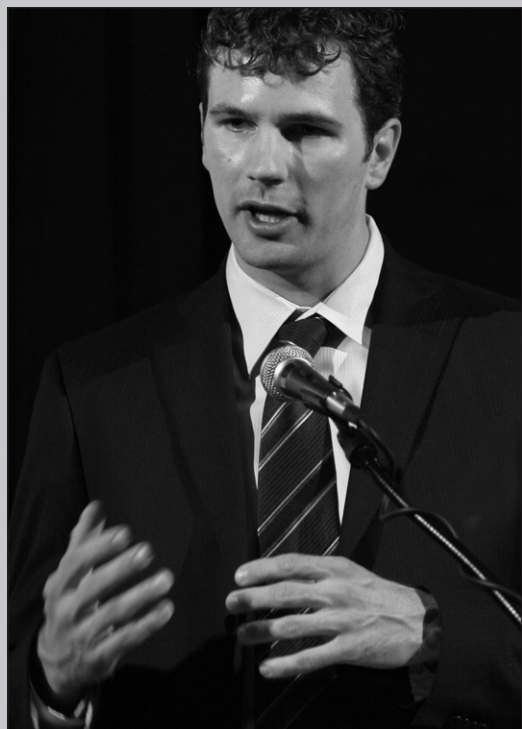
The Graduate of the Last Decade (GOLD) Award, established in 2003, recognizes young alumni under 35 who have made an early impact in their careers. In 2006, Curtis Myden, BSc'99, MD'06, a doctor and three-time Olympic medalist in swimming, was named the GOLD winner.

All U of C graduates are eligible to be nominated for the appropriate award (with the exception of alumni occupying a political office or those serving on the Alumni Association board of directors). Anyone can nominate an alumnus for the awards.

"We hope the 2007 program generates more nominations than ever, making the job for our judges that much more challenging," Brawn says.

Information and nomination packages are available at www.ucalgary.ca/alumni/awards/index/ or by sending a request to alumni@ucalgary.ca.

The nomination deadline is Feb. 28, 2007. Winners will be announced next spring and honoured at a gala event next June.



Curtis Myden, BSc'99, MD'06, a doctor and three-time Olympic medalist in swimming, was named the GOLD winner in 2006. / Photo by Chris Bolin

Arch Awards
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Master's students Sarah Cutten (geophysics) and Chris Eisinger (geology) with the new Mini-Vibe truck, one of the pieces of equipment that will help make U of C's program one of the world's best. / Photo by Ken Bendiksen

New master's program answers oilpatch need

By Alana Mikkelsen

A new master's degree program at the University of Calgary is the first in Canada and one of only a few in the world to focus on the science of reservoir characterization—the methods by which oil and gas reserves are found, characterized and optimized for production.

Offered jointly by the Faculty of Science and the Schulich School of Engineering, the two-year program grew out of discussions with industry, alumni and students who said that today's petroleum geologists, geophysicists and engineers need more interdisciplinary skills to succeed in an increasingly complex workplace.

Such skills have become even more important as oil companies have downsized and much of the workload has shifted to mid-size companies, which have fewer resources for on-the-job

education.

"This program will allow geologists, geophysicists and engineers to better understand each other's contributions to the oil exploration and recovery process and to work more effectively with one another," says Dr. Larry Lines, head of the Department of Geology and Geophysics.

The program, which offers evening courses so that professionals with full-time jobs can participate, allows specialists to take courses outside their own disciplines and to understand the theory as well as the practices that are crucial to petroleum exploration and extraction.

A geophysicist, for example, may take courses in petroleum engineering, thereby learning what kind of geophysical data an engineer needs to most effectively extract oil from a particular reserve. An engineer, on the other hand, may take geology and geophysics courses

that allow for a better understanding of what is needed to design a particular type of drilling operation.

"Gone are the days when you could just stick a straw in the ground and pump the oil out from a vertical well," says geology master's student Chris Eisinger. Today, sophisticated computer models are used to design and optimize complex extraction operations, some of which may drill horizontally to tap the last dregs of reserves that have been in production since the 1950s.

"If you can improve your recovery rate by just five percent, that's huge," says Sarah Cutten, a geophysics student who hopes to become an expert at interpreting and communicating complex geophysical data.

Eisinger and Cutten began their courses in September, as part of the program's inaugural seven-member class of two engineers, three geol-

ogists and two geophysicists. The program is expected to grow to 24 students per year.

The new master's degree is one part of a multifaceted plan to provide innovative geoscience education at the U of C. Last year, the university launched the only Bachelor of Science in Canada with a specialization in petroleum geology. This year, the department is introducing a new teaching professorship in the geosciences, which is designed to explore new methods for designing and delivering science education.

"Our students will interact on a level that is not typical of most university courses," says Dr. Tom Harding, head of the Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, a partner in the program.

"This experience will prepare them to become leaders in the industry, pushing the envelopes of efficiency, creativity and productivity."

Unique professorship to focus on the science of teaching

By Alana Mikkelsen

The University of Calgary's first endowed teaching professorship will focus on the science of teaching by investigating ways to make science classes more engaging for students.

The Tamaratt Professorship in Geoscience is one of the latest milestones in a growing national trend to help professors learn to be more effective in front of their students and how to include more active, hands-on learning in their classes.

Made possible by a \$1-million donation from two alumni, Tara and Matt Brister, the professorship

is unique because it provides resources for a scientist to focus exclusively on teaching and on research into better ways of delivering science education.

Traditionally in Canada, education research is viewed as the purview of—and funded almost exclusively by—agencies in the social science fields, a situation that often bars science professors from getting adequate support to improve their teaching.

"This endowment will support concentrated research into the best practices for geoscience and other science education," says Dr. Larry

Lines, head of the Department of Geology and Geophysics, in which the professorship will reside. "What we learn here will almost certainly benefit other faculties as well."

The five-year professorship will function like a research chair, with the focus on education rather than a scientific discipline. The endowed professor will also serve as a resource for other faculty members.

"It's much more difficult to deliver hands-on, interactive learning activities than to prepare a 50-minute lecture," says Lines. "And most professors don't have the time to learn how."

Matt and Tara Brister both graduated from the university's Department of Geology and Geophysics. Their gift, part of a three-way funding partnership with the Faculty of Science and the university, was donated through the Calgary Foundation.

"You're not necessarily born a teacher, but there are skills you can learn," says Tara Brister, BSc'82, past board president of Alberta Theatre Projects. Matt Brister, BSc'81, is chairman of Storm Exploration and CEO of Storm Ventures International, an internationally focused start-up company.

Recruitment for the new position is underway.



Over 18: *Campus Scenes* — Don Sucha



Over 18: *Black & White* – Alexander Grigoriyan



Over 18: *Community* — Ming Bo Zhou



Over 18: *Student Life* — Lucas Meisl



Under 18: *Student Life and Black & White* — Robert Anderson



Under 18: *Campus Scenes* – Robert Anderson

In FOCUS

Senate photo contest
captures the campus

By Ian Warwick

It's called the rule of thirds. By dividing an image into nine equal parts with two equally-spaced horizontal lines and two equally-spaced vertical lines, and placing subjects at the intersection of these lines, you should be able to create more interesting pictures.

It's also considered a starting point if you want to learn more about photography, according to Department of Art technician Jim Williams.

"I believe you have to start with technique because without it, you can't go on to make a visual impact, to show creativity and imagination," he says. "A good picture tells a story."

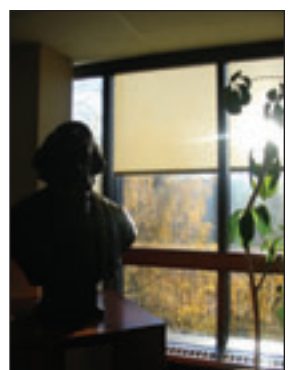
Williams was one of four judges in the Lens On Learning 40th anniversary photo contest sponsored by the U of C Senate and involving almost all faculties. Shown here are the eight images that the panel

chose as winners. In the under-18 age category, Robert Anderson won in *Campus Scenes*, *Student Life* and *Black & White*, and Katie Pendergast won the U of C in the *Community* category. In the over-18 category the winners are: *Campus Scenes*: Don Sucha; *Student Life*: Lucas Meisl; *Black & White*: Alexander Grigoriyan; and *Community*: Ming Bo Zhou.

The People's Choice award winner is Ming Bo Zhou.

"We had a huge response to the photo exhibition on Nov. 16 and 17 in MacEwan Student Centre," says U of C Senate representative Heather Herring. "Everyone appreciated having the opportunity to pick their own favourite. There are some remarkable images in this collection."

Many of the photos entered in the competition will continue to be used—so even if your image didn't win, keep your eye out for it in a variety of upcoming campus publications.



Under 18: *Community* — Katie Pendergast

■ YOUR ALUMNI



Gareth Morgan, BA'99, and his wife, Vivian, met during his first teaching job. Their daughter, Fiona, is one year old.

Alumni blazes new life in Taiwan

By Cara Vosburg

The aroma of fresh roasted squid wafts through the air seven days a week in a busy market in Taipei, a bustling city in northern Taiwan. The sidewalks are a virtual maze of scooters, cars and humanity.

The city of more than two million people—all living in the fast lane—is where Gareth Morgan, BA'99, now calls home.

After graduating with distinction in communications studies, Morgan jumped at a chance to fulfil his dreams of travel and adventure.

In 1998, a friend who had studied Mandarin in Taiwan decided to return for another year of work and study, and invited Morgan along.

The former entertainment editor at The Gauntlet adapted quickly to the excitement of his new home. "I got a motorcycle and I enjoyed blazing around Taipei at all hours, soaking up the sights and sounds and smells," he says.

For the first six months, he taught English, but when his hours dipped below a guaranteed weekly minimum, it was agreed that he could leave his contract early.

At a local bookstore, Morgan wrote down the contact information for the editors of all the locally published English magazines to search for a new job.

"I called those 17 numbers, spoke to 12 editors, sent out nine resumes, had four interviews and two job offers—all in the space of three weeks."

He accepted an offer from Studio Classroom magazine, published by ORTV, his employer



Gareth Morgan, former entertainment editor at the Gauntlet, lives in Taiwan.

ever since. The company publishes three magazines and produces radio and TV content for English and Mandarin audiences.

Morgan's current role is web content manager; he is also a staff editor and producer for various projects. He speaks Mandarin confidently, and easily communicates and connects with people.

Morgan met his wife, Vivian, during his first teaching job. They married in 2003 and have a girl, Fiona, who recently turned one.

"I left Canada seven years ago with only a backpack and a suitcase; I'll be returning with Vivian and Fiona, plus a houseful of stuff," he says.

Morgan is thankful for all the opportunities he's had. Looking back, he realizes that some of his temporary disappointments have turned out to be blessings.

"My philosophy is to do my best, but always be willing to change course."

■ UNITED WAY

Everyone wins as campaign total grows

Donor heads to Vancouver with grand prize

By Janice Paskey

Katherine Guevara feels a strong sense of conviction about the work of the United Way. As a donor to the University of Calgary's campaign for the last two years, she thinks it is a wonderful way to help people through the many organizations funded by United Way.

"I've had the opportunity to meet homeless people through the CUPS," says Guevara, departmental administrator in the Department of French, Italian and Spanish. "Often there's not much

that separates us from them: a lost job or serious illness."

Guevara's name was drawn from among all of those who donated to this year's U of C United Way campaign to win the grand prize of a weekend trip for two to Vancouver.

"I'm thrilled," she says. "I can't wait. I'm taking my husband who was also very pleased."

The U of C United Way campaign reached \$208,000 last week and all donations received until year end will be counted in U of C's final total.

Fundraising efforts are running the gamut. The Department of Music faculty and students donated voice lessons to the online auction, shaved bodies, threw pies, and contributed more than \$2,000 to the campaign. The Uni-

versity Bookstore brought in \$1,200 for the United Way effort.

"We are very proud of what our university has been able to do for the community through United Way and we are encouraging donations until the end of the year," says campaign co-chair Kim Kadatz, director of development for the Faculty of Kinesiology. "If you haven't yet made your gift it's not too late—every dollar makes a difference in the life of someone in need."

The grand prize trip to Vancouver was made possible by ATCO Travel, with airfare on WestJet, a rental car from Budget and two nights at the Pan Pacific Vancouver. For more information on the U of C's United Way campaign, go to www.ucalgary.ca/unitedway/



Katherine Guevara from the Department of French, Italian and Spanish, is the United Way grand prize winner of a trip to Vancouver. / Photo by Ken Bendiksen

■ IN BRIEF

Nursing raises the stakes in course evaluations

Undergraduate students at the University of Calgary have until December 8 to complete course evaluations. The evaluations, used in the review of the performance of professors, are published to help students decide which professor and course to take.

"We think it's really important to encourage student feedback as it's a great way to keep continually improving the quality of education," says Shannon O'Connor, Students' Union vice-president academic.

In a new development this year, the dean of the Faculty of Nursing has offered an incentive for completion of course evaluations. If more than 50 percent of students in the faculty complete the survey, the Undergraduate Nurses Society will receive \$1,000 to be used to help improve the student experience. A 65-percent completion rate warrants a \$2,500 reward and 80-percent completion will result in the sum of \$5,000.

All students taking a credit course at U of C are asked to participate in the survey, which rates the overall quality of instruction, course materials, and fairness of the evaluation methods. Survey results are not reviewed until after instructors submit grades for each class.

Tutors needed on campus

The Students' Union receives about five telephone calls a week from students and the parents of high-school students seeking tutors to work with those having academic difficulty.

Shannon O'Connor, the SU vice-president academic, notes that the number of registered tutors on cam-

pus is declining. "We want to make sure potential tutors and students know about this valuable service," she says. The most frequent requests for help have been with subjects such as statistics, mathematics and a variety of the sciences.

There is a \$30 registration fee for tutors, which covers the cost of a Calgary Police Service criminal record check. U of C tutors are required to provide a 20-minute consultation free-of-charge to potential clients, and may not charge more than \$15 an hour. Check the SU website for more details.

U of C supports Afghan fellowship

The University of Calgary has provided expert help and support to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research Fellowship for Afghanistan. The fellowship seeks to build leadership and management skills while providing technical and institutional support to senior academics, practitioners and Afghan government officials.

Not only did the U of C make various experts available to the Afghan fellowship program, but in conjunction with the Teaching and Learning Centre, provided support through videoconferencing technology and new Calgary-based real-time web-based audioconferencing software called Elluminate Live!

"The two tools (Elluminate Live! and videoconferencing) between them, connected approximately 42 people, in five countries, across seven time zones," says Humaira Khan-Kamal, special fellow and coordinator of the Fellowship for Afghanistan.

■ MAKING NEWS

Dr. David Keith's planetary cooler has caught the attention of Rolling Stones Magazine. In a November article titled The Race for a Techno Fix, the magazine lists four "last ditch" measures to save Earth from global warming, including Keith's cooler—a tower that sucks air through a spray of sodium hydroxide. The air released at the other end of the tower has less CO₂, one of the greenhouse gases responsible for global warming. Keith is the Canada Research chair in energy and the environment, and a professor at U of C.

Canadian military planners should strip weapons off navy ships and use them in Afghanistan against rockets and mortar rounds, says **Dr. Rob Huebert**, associate director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies.

"If it can protect troops in Afghanistan, then it should be sent," said Huebert in articles in the Calgary Herald, National Post, Edmonton Journal, Halifax Daily News, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Regina Leader Post, Saskatoon Star Phoenix, The Gazette (Montreal), The Daily News (Halifax), Vancouver Sun, Victoria Times Colonist and Windsor Star.

People's level of physically activity depends on the layout of streets, connecting trails and parks near their homes, according to a recent study led by a U of C professor and reported in the Calgary Herald. **Dr. Bev Sandalack**, of the Faculty of Environmental Design, compared two neighborhoods—Garrison Woods and Somerset. She found more people were active in the newer Garrison Woods area because of its walking-friendly layout. "Back in the 1960s when a lot of the suburban areas were built, the emphasis was on cars," she said.

Although sometimes relationship revenge makes headlines, most people participate in "everyday" revenge, according to **Dr. Susan Boon**, associate professor of psychology. Boon conducted an 88-person study that found the most common ways people "got even" were with the silent treatment and flirting.

"There's a certain amount of tit-for-tat," said Boon. "They felt they had been wronged, therefore a response was justified."

An article about her work was published in the Vancouver Province, Regina Leader Post, Ottawa Citizen, Nanaimo Daily News and Halifax Daily News.



Jürgen Meisel

Distinguished Visiting Professor

Dr. Jürgen Meisel joins the University of Calgary for three fall semesters. / Photo by Ken Bendiktsen

Dr. Jürgen Meisel is a new visiting professor in the Department of French, Italian and Spanish. Born in Germany, raised in Frankfurt and settled in Hamburg, Meisel studied at the universities of Tübingen (Eberhard Karls-Universität), Frankfurt (Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität) and Madrid, and is a scholar in romance philology, German, philosophy and anthropology. OnCampus recently spoke with Meisel about his new role at U of C.

OnCampus: What led you to the U of C?

Dr. Jürgen Meisel: My wife holds (Dr. Susanne Carroll) a Canada Research Chair at the University of Calgary since 2005, and the U of C was willing to offer me a position as “distinguished visiting professor” during each fall semester for three years, beginning this year. I am interested in the possibility of working in a department of romance languages—French, Italian and Spanish, in this case—as well as in a department of linguistics. I am particularly interested in the possibilities offered by the recently established Language Research Centre. I think this is an excellent opportunity for all scholars interested in languages and in linguistics, and I am glad to be able to be part of this, especially in the early years of the centre.

Is this your first time working in North America?

I was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, San Diego, Department of Linguistics (1971-72) and at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (1973), also in the Department of Linguistics.

What is your role at the U of C?

My position is as a visiting professor in the Department of French, Italian and Spanish (Faculty of Humanities), but I am also associated with the Department of Linguistics (Faculty of Social Sciences). I teach a graduate seminar on first language acquisition for students of French, Spanish and linguistics, and I am working on a number of papers, which I intend to submit for publication and on a book on First and Second Language Acquisition—Similarities and

Differences, for which I signed a contract with Cambridge University Press several years ago, and which I hope to finish next year.

What do you like about Calgary and Alberta?

I am not yet in a good position to answer this question, but my impression is that this is a very lively city that offers good opportunities for a good quality of life—and I hope to discover more of this. As for Alberta, I am particularly attracted by the mountains—hardly a very original answer, but true. I suppose I will have to develop more of an interest for hockey, coming from a country where soccer is the national sport.

What are your research interests?

Initially, I worked on theoretical and romance syntax and semantics.

When I returned from the U.S. to Germany, in 1973—to work as an associate professor at a German university (Wuppertal)—I had to cope with the fact that many of my students were only moderately interested in grammatical theory. Looking for an area which I thought would be important and relevant for my own research interests, as well as for the interests of the students, I decided to work on language issues related to immigrant workers to Germany from Spain, Portugal and Italy.

How did those interests develop further?

Over the years, my research interests became broader to cover what I like to call “developmental linguistics”—the

study of how languages, and most of all grammatical systems, change, either in first or second language acquisition, in pidgin and Creole languages, or diachronically over the centuries. This also includes the reverse process of how linguistic systems attrite, in language loss, for example.

When I was offered the chair of linguistics in the Department of Romance Languages at the University of Hamburg in 1980, I started another research project on the simultaneous acquisition of two languages from birth. We recorded and analyzed the speech of French-German, Basque-Spanish and Portuguese-German children. Two of the central questions to be investigated were whether bilingual children are able to separate their languages from early on and whether their competences in each of their languages are equivalent to those of the respective monolinguals.

These were rather controversial issues in the 1980s. Today, there is a broad consensus—even if many details remain to be investigated—that both questions can be answered positively, and we were able to contribute significantly to this debate, together with a number of Canadian researchers.

What is Sonderforschungsbereich and how were you involved?

Sonderforschungsbereiche (the English translation is collaborative research centre) are the largest research units funded by the German Science Foundation (equivalent to the National Science Foundation in the U.S. and perhaps of SSHRC in Canada). Unfortunately, the humanities are underrepresented among these research centres in Germany—as in many places in the world.

We were, therefore, particularly happy when our proposal was successful in 1999. “We” is a group of professors at the University of Hamburg including linguists, philologists, educators, psychologists and neurologists.

I chaired this group and then became head of the Research Centre on Multilingualism when it was established in 1999. It currently comprises 14 research projects, all investigating various aspects of bilingualism.

At the beginning of this year, I resigned as head of the centre, but I am still part of the board of directors and I direct two of the research projects.

■ YOUR DINOS

From Colombia to Calgary:

Guard brings passion to basketball court

By Jack Neumann

It's a long way from Bogota, Colombia to Calgary, but Juliette Gonzalez Pulido has successfully navigated her way onto the Dinos women's basketball team.

When Pulido was accepted to the University of Calgary under an exchange agreement with the University of Bogota, she learned that basketball was played here. She promptly set out to do whatever it took to compete.

Colombia is better known for soccer than basketball and Pulido began to get into playing condition by trying out for Dinos soccer when she arrived in August. Then she started attending basketball practice in the gym. She made an impression with her skills and attitude.

Because her student visa expired after the first semester, Pulido could only compete for the first term. She wanted to continue, though, so she applied to continue studies from January through April. Now she'll be competing for the Dinos for the second semester as well.

An outstanding student, Pulido is fluent in Spanish and English and understands French and Portuguese. She is completing a master's in international relations.

As a Dinos player, she has been able to see parts of Canada other exchange students would not. Already this year she has been to Ottawa, Vancouver, Victoria and Winnipeg. She even travelled to Montana. Before the season concludes, she will touch down in Edmonton, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, the British Columbia interior, and wherever the Dinos schedule takes them in the post-season.

Pulido says she loves the discipline that comes with playing for the Dinos.

"We dress as a team when we travel (team jackets) and train at regular intervals, which is different from what I am used to," said the personable 22-year-old. "Playing for the



Master's student Juliette Gonzalez Pulido has been able to see much of the country as she travels to games across Canada with the Dinos women's basketball team.

/ Photo courtesy Faculty of Kinesiology

Dinos is like a dream for me."

Coach Shawnee Harle says Pulido is very passionate about the game. "She brings a very mature off-court perspective and she is somebody our players can learn a great deal from. She is well travelled, well spoken and has sincere appreciation for this opportunity that is in front of her."

Pulido likes everything about Canada, Calgary and the U of C except one: "the cold weather," she says with a smile.

DINO BITES: JULIETTE GONZALEZ PULIDO

Position: Guard

Faculty: Communications and Culture

Hometown: Bogota, Colombia

Birthday: June 9, 1984

Favorite food: Cochinita Pibil (spicy pork dish)

Athlete you would like to meet: Pele (former soccer great from Brazil)

What you like most about Canada: The people

What you miss most: My family

Impression of Canada: Big country

Big country

Football coach wins award in U of C first

The University of Calgary has—for the first time—won the Gino Fracas award from the Canadian University Football Coaches Association.

The 2006 recipient is U of C linebacker coach Wayne Harris who has been involved in Dinos football for more than two decades in a wide spectrum of areas.

The Gino Fracas Award, instituted in 1988, is given to a volunteer assistant football coach for his commitment to the program. The award is named after longtime coach Gino Fracas who coached at the Universities of Windsor and Alberta.

Harris played professional in the CFL for one season (1982) before turning his talents to coaching young players. He was linebacker coach for the Dinos in 1989 and 1990 and a member of the 1995 Vanier Cup Championship coaching staff.

In 1996, he was seconded by the U of C to aid in the transition of the coaching staff, working as defensive coordinator, linebacker coach and recruiting coordinator for the football program.

Harris, head coach at William Aberhart High School, currently serves as linebacker coach for the Dinos team, a position he has held since 2005.

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L-R: Sebastian von Mammen, Patrick King, team supervisor Dr. Christian Jacob and Vladislav Lavrovsky. / Photo courtesy Christian Jacob

U of C team beats odds at MIT contest

By Robyn Hauck

The ability to work to tight deadlines and with an unusually small team has netted three University of Calgary students one of the top prizes in the prestigious international Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Bachelor of health sciences students Vladislav Lavrovsky and Patrick King, and graduate student Sebastian von Mammen, from the evolutionary and swarm design laboratory in the Department of Computer Science, competed in this invitation-only competition that challenges students to be pioneers in a new science known as synthetic biology.

The Calgary team won the "best conquest of adversity" award. "We were still waiting for lab results as we were flying to Boston for the competition," said Lavrovsky. "These experiments are incredibly difficult and time consuming, so we needed to work day and night to make them a success."

Judges acknowledged the U of C students' diligence and intelligence despite having a team of only three students—as opposed to the average of 10 students per team—and very little time to prepare for the competition.

Their project used genetically engineered E. coli bacteria to create art. The students manipulated the bacteria to produce chemical signals which appeared as fluorescent patterns. These patterns were used to produce paintings through computerized high-resolution drawings, a unique application of synthetic biology.

Synthetic biology will allow researchers to genetically engineer cells so they respond to commands and act like "living machines" inside cells. This kind of technology may one day give scientists the ability to program cells to manufacture and deliver drugs in the human body.

This was the first year MIT invited Calgary students to compete in the annual event. For more information on next year's competition please contact Dr. Christian Jacob at cjacob@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://obriencentre.org/iGEM>.

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Friday, December 8, 2006

1 - 3 p.m., MFH 160F



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New training centre provides psychological services to community

By Erin Carpenter

Adam McCrimmon, BA'00, traces his passion for helping school children to his time as an undergraduate psychology student at the University of Calgary when he took part in a program providing early intervention for children with autism.

Now a doctoral student in psychology, McCrimmon says that experience helped shape his decision to pursue research in autism. "Autism became intriguing to me and I wanted to help discover new and creative ways to interact with and teach these children."

While McCrimmon completes his research, he's doing practicum work through an innovative program recently launched on campus by the Faculty of Education's Division of Applied Psychology.

The University of Calgary Applied Psychological and Educational Services (U-CAPES) is a training facility that will enhance the teaching, research and service missions of the division's graduate programs.

It also offers people in the Calgary region low-cost, high-quality psychological assessment, prevention and treatment services for a variety of issues, while helping to fund scholarships for students.

Based in the Education Tower, the centre fills an important role, says Dr. Vicki Schwean, associate dean of applied psychology.

"It is fulfilling a need in



Adam McCrimmon checks out one of the rooms equipped with a one-way mirror in the new U-CAPES centre.

/ Photo by Ken Bendiktsen

the community by providing psychological and educational services to children, youth, adults and their families whom otherwise may not receive a quality service," she says.

U-CAPES offers help for a fee, while also providing professional development and research services to government, private and community groups.

Six graduate students working in the clinic are supervised by licensed psychologists who are also faculty members, and their doctoral funding will be provided through the revenue that U-CAPES generates.

U-CAPES itself anticipates becoming an accredited internship site, a move that a number of other Canadian universities have undertaken.

Schwean says it's an innovative way to fund graduate students while meeting a growing

demand in the community.

"In recent years there has been a marked increase in the number of children in Alberta identified as having exceptional learning needs that make them eligible for special education services," she says, adding the problem is compounded by a severe shortage of school psychologists throughout Canada.

McCrimmon's role at U-CAPES is assessing children with various issues and devising strategies for their treatment.

"The services provided by myself and others in the clinic will help children who may be having difficulties in school," he says. "Having grown up here [in Calgary], I feel it's important to help the community."

For more information on U-CAPES, go to www.educ.ucalgary.ca/aps/service/

Trombone for the holidays

By Tokie Brideaux

The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra's principal trombonist—James Scott—has performed with such renowned orchestras as the New York Philharmonic, l'Orchestre symphonique de Montreal, and the New Jersey Symphony after graduating from the prestigious Juilliard School in New York.

In addition to his busy performing schedule, he teaches trombone to University of Calgary music students, a position he has held since 1981.

Scott presents a "Modern Romantics" concert this holiday season as part of the University of Calgary Celebrity Series at the Rozsa Centre.

In this concert, audiences will experience music from the late 20th and early 21st centuries in a tonal/romance style with a global approach.

In the first half of the program, Scott will perform works by Frigyes Hidas (Hungary), Nino Rota (Italy), Leon Stekke (Belgium), and Eric Ewazen (United States). He will then be joined by his colleagues of the Calgary Philharmonic: Michael Thomson (trombone) and David Reid (bass trombone).

In the second half of the program, trombonist Matthew McConchie and pianist Julie Jacques will join the group to perform a rarely heard trombone quartet—"Quartet '74" by Canadian composer Malcolm Forsyth. Audiences will also be treated to seasonal music for the holidays with selections from Tchaikovsky's "The



James Schott will be appearing in two concerts in the Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

/ Photo by Gary Kan

Nutcracker Suite."

The performances will take place on Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. Tickets are \$25 (adults) and \$18 (seniors and students) and available through Campus Ticket Centre by calling 220-7202 or at the door.

For more information please call 220-5089 or visit www.ffa.ucalgary.ca/events

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WHAT'S ON NOVEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 3

Friday, Nov. 24

12 pm SEMINAR: **Nitrates and Osteoporosis: What a Gas!** Sophie Jamal, Medicine, University of Toronto, and co-director of the Toronto Centre of the Canadian Multicentre Osteoporosis Study. Health Sciences Centre 1509, O'Brien Centre, 3330 Hospital Drive NW.

3 pm TALK: **A Blameless Wife at Home: Penelope's Exclusion From the Vengeance Plot Against the Suitors.** Roberto Nickel, Brock University. Social Sciences 113.

6 pm DINNER/TALK: **Reframing Activism: Engaging Youth in Canada.** Justin Trudeau. The U of C Faculty of Social Work, in celebration of its 40th anniversary, invites you to a gala dinner featuring Trudeau. Tix: \$140; table of eight \$1,100. Tix limited. Telus Convention Centre.

6 & 8 pm VOLLEYBALL: **Dinos vs Manitoba.** Women @ 6 pm; men @ 8 pm. Tix: \$8 (adults); \$5 (students, seniors, UC staff); free for children and UC students. Jack Simpson Gym.

7:30 pm MUSIC: **Resound.** Featuring Hutchinson Andrew Trio, Edmond Agopian and Friends, Quenten Doolittle, David Eagle, Roger Feria Jr., Jeremy Brown and Land's End Chamber Ensemble. Tix: \$12 adults, \$8 students & seniors. Call 220-5376 for tix and info. Art Central, 111, 100 - 7th Ave. SW.

8 pm DANCE: **Dance Montage.** Tix: \$15 adults; \$10 students and seniors. University Theatre.

8 pm MUSIC: **University Chorus.** Tix: \$10 adults, \$7 students & seniors at the door. Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre.

Saturday, Nov. 25

6 & 8 pm VOLLEYBALL: **Dinos vs Manitoba.** Women @ 6 pm; men @ 8 pm. Tix: \$8 (adults); \$5 (students, seniors, UC staff); free for children and UC students. Jack Simpson Gym.

7 pm MEN'S HOCKEY: **Dinos vs Lethbridge.** Tix: \$8 (adults); \$5 (students, seniors, UC staff); free for children and UC students. Father David Bauer Arena.

8 pm CONCERT: **A Chopin Portrait Part II.** Charles Foreman, piano. Over the next three years, in nine concerts, Foreman will perform the complete works for solo piano by Frederic Chopin, a total of 153 works. Tix: \$20 adults; \$16 students & seniors. Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre.

8 pm DANCE: **Dance Montage.** Tix: \$15 adults; \$10 students and seniors. University Theatre.

Sunday, Nov. 26

3 pm MUSIC: **Douglas Cleveland, organ.** Tix: \$15 general; \$10 students & seniors. Info: 220-8221. Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre.

8 pm MUSIC: **University of Calgary Big Band.** Tix: \$10 adults, \$7 students & seniors at the door. University Theatre.

Monday, Nov. 27

7 pm TALK: **Miniature Biomedical Sensors: An Emergent Technology for Biomedical Research.** Dr. Michael Neuman, IEEE Distinguished Lecturer, Dept. Chair of Biomedical Engineering at Michigan Tech. Science B 144.

8 pm MUSIC: **University of Calgary New Music Ensemble.** Tix: \$10 adults, \$7 students & seniors at the door. Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre.

8 pm MUSIC: **Killswitch Engage with guests.** All ages. Tix: \$25 (+ service charge) at Ticketmaster, Sloth and Megatunes. MacEwan Ballroom, MacEwan Student Centre.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

12 pm THEATRE: Nickle and Dime Theatre: **Jumping the Shark.** By Masters candidate Leif Oleson-Cormack. Remember when Fonzie jumped the shark? This play has nothing to do with that. It's much better. Admission \$2. Reeve Theatre.

7:30 pm THEATRE: **The True Life Fiction of Mata Hari.** Tix: \$15 adults; \$12 students & seniors. Reeve Theatre.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

10 am OPEN HOUSE: **Faculty of Medicine Core Research Facilities and Services Fourth Annual Open House.** Discoveries in the biomedical life sciences are progressing at a breath-taking pace and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary is one of the Canadian institutions leading the charge. Medicine is home to a number of world-class technology-based core facilities that enable the research activities of both our faculty members and the broader Calgary-based research community. Runs until 2 pm. Health Sciences Atrium, Health Science Centre, 3330 Hospital Drive NW.

12 pm THEATRE: Nickle and Dime Theatre: **Jumping the Shark.** See Nov. 28 for details. Admission \$2. Reeve Theatre.

12 pm SEMINAR: The UTI Speaker Series: **Commercialization Strategies - A Pathway to Success.** Paul Cataford, UTI, Randy Thompson, Venture Alberta, John Ramsay, Gowlings, Greg Smith, BDC, and Brian Osing, Calgary Scientific. Seminars are open free to the public; RSVP to 270-2432 or email taylor@uti.ca to attend. MacEwan Conference Centre.

12 pm PANEL DISCUSSION: United Nations International Human Rights Day Commemoration: **Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism: It's About All of Us.** Murray Fraser Hall 2370 (Moot Court Room).

4 pm TALK: Discovering Performance Studies Speaker Series: **Celine Dion: National Affection.** Erin Hurley, English, McGill University. Evans Room, Rozsa Centre.

4 pm TALK: The McNish Distinguished Lecture on the Advancement of Western Civilization: **Liberty and Progress in John Stuart Mill.** Dr. Timothy Fuller, the Lloyd E. Worner Distinguished Service Professor, Colorado College. Reception to follow. Room 210 MacEwan Student Centre.

7:30 pm THEATRE: **The True Life Fiction of Mata Hari.** Tix: \$15 adults; \$12 students & seniors. Reeve Theatre.

8 pm MUSIC: **University of Calgary Percussion Ensemble.** Tix: \$10 adults, \$7 students & seniors at the door. Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre.

Thursday, Nov. 30

12 pm THEATRE: Nickle and Dime Theatre: **Jumping the Shark.** See Nov. 28 for details. Admission \$2. Reeve Theatre.

7:30 pm THEATRE: **The True Life Fiction of Mata Hari.** Tix: \$15 adults; \$12 students & seniors. Reeve Theatre.

8 pm MUSIC: **University of Calgary Symphonic Band: "The Bard Meets the Band."** Tix: \$10 adults, \$7 students & seniors at the door. Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre.

10:30 pm THEATRE: **Drunk on Monday DSI (Drunk Scene Investigation).** Follow Sergeant Jimmy Glow, Constable Tim Pepper, and the Lab Tech as they fight crime from the ground up: investigation to interrogation. Every night a murder. Every night a solution. Drunk on Monday is an interactive improvised Soap Opera; neither the audience nor the actors have any idea what will happen next. Runs every Thursday night. Tix: \$2 at the door. Reeve Secondary Theatre.

Friday, Dec. 1

12 pm THEATRE: Nickle and Dime Theatre: **Jumping the Shark.** See Nov. 28 for details. Admission \$2. Reeve Theatre.

7 pm MEN'S HOCKEY: **Dinos vs Alberta.** Tix: \$8 (adults); \$5 (students, seniors, UC staff); free for children and UC students. Father David Bauer Arena.

7 pm WOMEN'S HOCKEY: **Dinos vs Red Deer.** Tix: \$8 (adults); \$5 (students, seniors, UC staff); free for children and UC students. Olympic Oval.

7 pm DANCE: **James and the Giant Peach.** Alberta Dance Theatre for Young People. Tix: \$12 general advance, \$15 at door; \$42 for family pack (max 2 adults) from Campus Ticket Centre. University Theatre.

7:30 pm THEATRE: **The True Life Fiction of Mata Hari.** Tix: \$15 adults; \$12 students & seniors. Reeve Theatre.

8 pm MUSIC: **University of Calgary Saxophone Ensemble and Flute Choir.** Tix: \$10 adults, \$7 students & seniors at the door. Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre.

Saturday, Dec. 2

4 pm DANCE: **James and the Giant Peach.** Alberta Dance Theatre for Young People. Tix: \$12 general advance, \$15 at door; \$42 for family pack (max 2 adults) from Campus Ticket Centre. University Theatre.

7:30 pm THEATRE: **The True Life Fiction of Mata Hari.** Tix: \$15 adults; \$12 students & seniors. Reeve Theatre.

8 pm MUSIC: **University of Calgary Vocal Jazz Ensemble.** Tix: \$10 adults, \$7 students & seniors at the door. Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre.

Sunday, Dec. 3

1 & 4 pm DANCE: **James and the Giant Peach.** Alberta Dance Theatre for Young People. Tix: \$12 general advance, \$15 at door; \$42 for family pack (max 2 adults) from Campus Ticket Centre. University Theatre.

2 pm THEATRE: **The True Life Fiction of Mata Hari.** Two-for-the-price-of-one matinee. Reeve Theatre.

8 pm MUSIC: **University of Calgary Wind Ensemble.** Tix: \$10 adults, \$7 students & seniors at the door. Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre.

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Mata Hari unveiled

Play reveals layers of dangerous beauty

By D.J. Kelly

Dancer. Courtesan. Spy. Who is the real Mata Hari? This is the central mystery of Diane Samuels's play *The True Life Fiction of Mata Hari*.

The life story of this famous and dangerous beauty is complicated and fascinating. In the opening years of the 20th century, Margaretha Zelle moved to Paris where she performed as a horse rider in a circus, using the name Lady MacLeod. Struggling to earn a living, she also obtained work as an artist's model.

In 1905, she began to win fame as an exotic Oriental-style dancer. It was then that she adopted the stage name Mata Hari. Promiscuous and flirtatious, she captivated her audiences and was an overnight success.

Mata Hari posed as a princess from Java of priestly Indian birth, pretending to have been initiated into the art of sacred Indian dance since childhood. Her willingness to perform in exotic and sexually explicit clothing made her exceedingly popular. She posed for provocative photos, and mingled in wealthy circles.

In short order, Mata Hari became a successful courtesan, and had relationships with many high-ranking military officers, politicians and others in influential positions in several countries, including France, Russia and Germany.

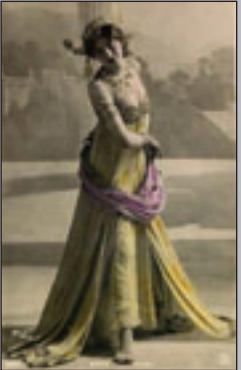
In happier times prior to the First World War, she had been generally viewed as a free-spirited bohemian. But as the times grew grim, she began to be judged as a wanton and promiscuous woman, and perhaps a dangerous seductress. Her liaisons with powerful men took her across international borders frequently, which eventually would lead to her downfall.

The *True Life Fiction of Mata Hari* picks up the story as the tide begins to turn for Mata Hari. On Feb. 13, 1917, she was arrested for passing military secrets obtained from her many lovers to the Germans.

Despite steadfastly proclaiming her love of France, Mata Hari is interrogated by two French officers who are convinced that everything she says and does is a lethal fiction.

Mata Hari is seen as the ultimate femme fatale and a dangerous spy. But the "truth" behind this remarkable woman is more complex, with many people having their own motives for their version of her story.

The play will be performed at the Reeve Theatre at the University of Calgary Nov. 28 to Dec. 9. Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors, are available at the Campus Ticket Centre or 220-7202.



Mata Hari captivated her audiences. / Photo courtesy of Walery Paris, series 5116.